

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2013 as

## A Day of Service and Remembrance

WHEREAS, people of all ages and walks of life across our great state and America collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the events of that day instantly transformed nearly everyone's lives and an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage and service; and

WHEREAS, many brave people heroically, tirelessly and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never—and should never be—just another day in the hearts and minds of all Michigan residents; and

WHEREAS, many citizens memorialize September 11 by engaging in personal and individual acts of community service or other giving activities as part of a solemn day of remembrance and tribute; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2009, the United States Congress passed bipartisan legislation authorizing the establishment of September 11 as a federally recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2013, to be a voluntary Day of Service and Remembrance, and call upon all the people of Michigan to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 and the many who rose in service in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks by joining in this observance and engaging in activities of tribute, solemn remembrance and charitable service.

Rick Snyder Governor